

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1, 6-10, 13, and 14 have been amended. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and pass the application on to issuance.

**AMENDMENTS:** The specification as originally filed discloses a method that includes monitoring the progress of a job at a web or network service and determining if a predetermined event related to an activity of the web or network service has occurred. See paragraphs [0175] – [0179]. The amendments to Claims 1, 6-10, 13, and 14 find support in these teachings and do not add new matter.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §102:** Claims 1-14 were rejected under Section 102 as being unpatentable over USPN 6,623,527 issued to Hamzy. Hamzy is directed to a method in which a web page requested by a client is intercepted and modified to include a control button for a network service. The modified web page is passed on to and displayed by the client. A user can then select the added control button to cause a specified action. See Hamzy, Abstract, Fig. 3, Col. 4, lines 33-65.

**Claim 1** directed to a method for launching a browser or other service and recites the following acts:

1. determining if a predetermined event related to activity of a web or network service has occurred; and
2. sending a command to a system to launch the browser or service to a particular network location if the predetermined event is determined to have occurred.

Hamzy simply discloses a proxy server (103) that intercepts and modifies a web page (107) requested by a client (101). See Hamzy, Fig. 2. The proxy server (103) returns the modified web page (109) to the client (101). See Hamzy, Fig. 2. Hamzy describes that the client (101) uses a web browser to make the request and makes

no mention of a command being sent to client (101) to cause it to launch that web browser. See Hamzy, col. 4, lines 39-42.

Citing Hamzy, col. 4, lines 33-65, the Examiner mistakenly asserts that Hamzy teaches a method that includes determining if a predetermined event has occurred and then sending a command to a system to launch the browser or service to a particular network location if the predetermined event is determined to have occurred. Note that Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the predetermined event is related to activity of a web or network server as opposed, for example, to a selection of a user interface icon.

The passage relied upon by the Examiner is reproduced as follows:

FIG. 2 shows a simplified network in which the invention may be implemented. Transactions in the World Wide Web are commonly accomplished by use of a browser such as Netscape Navigator using the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) to make requests of Web servers. The browsers read the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) in which the retrieved files are usually written. Client 101 using a Web browser issues an HTTP GET or POST request for the web page from the web server at a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), e.g., www.ibm.com. A URL identifies the network path to a server by use of a special syntax to define the network connection. This request is handled by a proxy server 103 within an intranet or the server of an intranet service provider (ISP) which forwards the request to the web server whose URL is www.ibm.com. Those skilled in the art would appreciate that there may be many intervening systems between the proxy server and the web server which are not pictured in the figure. Also not pictured are a plurality of web servers which handle requests to a particular URL or a plurality of web clients. The web server with the desired web page sends the page back to the requesting proxy server 103.

At the proxy server 103, the page is modified to include the push button of the present invention. In the case of a web page written in HTML, a short section of HTML is inserted into the page which describes the appearance of the button for the browser to present as well as the action which should be taken if a button is depressed. A gif or other image file in the HTML can be used to describe the button's appearance. The action specified is to send a URL request that is a print request back to the proxy server, or to a dedicated print server, for the page being browsed. As will be described below, the URL request is routed to the proxy server's URL, and also includes the URL of the page to be printed.

Hamzy, col. 4, lines 33-65.

A review of the cited passage and the remainder of Hamzy reveals that Hamzy simply does not teach determining if a predetermined event related to activity of a web or network service has occurred. Consequently, Hamzy cannot teach sending a command to a system to launch the browser or service to a particular network location if the predetermined event is determined to have occurred.

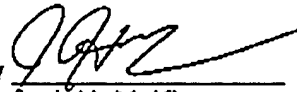
For at least these reasons, Claim 1 is patentable over Hamzy as are Claims 2-9 which depend from Claim 1.

Claim 10 is directed to a program product that includes a computer useable medium having machine readable program code that when executed, implements the method of Claim 1. For the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable, so are Claim 10 and Claims 11-13 which depend from Claim 10.

Claim 14 is directed to a system capable of implementing the method of Claim 1. For the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable, so is Claim 14.

**CONCLUSION:** Claims 1-14 are felt to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing the application to issue is earnestly solicited. The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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